(c) when would commercial extraction work would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) During the year 2000-2001, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has found oil in the two new structures in Krishna-Godavari project, *viz.* Suryaraopeta in West Godavari district and Gopavaram in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. The wells Suryaraopeta (SU-1) and Gopavaram (GM-1) are already on production.

Interview for the post of Director (Operation) in ONGC

2417. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted an interview recently for the post of Director (Operation) in ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons empanelled for the said post;

(d) the criteria and norms fixed for the same;

(e) whether persons empanelled are having experience in reservoir, geology, drilling and processing systems apart from expert knowledge of production technologies;

(f) if not, the reasons of their selection;

(g) whether Government propose to scrap this panel as the post requires wide experience in the said fields; and

(h) if so, the details of necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Interviews for the post of Director (Operations) in ONGC were held by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) on 21.6.2000.

(c) A panel consisting two names has been recommended by the PESB.

(d) to (h) The qualifications, experience, job descriptions and responsibilities for the said post were finalised by the PESB after obtaining requisite information from ONGC and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Having considered suitability of the candidates interviewed for the above post, the recommendation of PESB has been received by the Government and is being processed for approval of the competent authority.

Renovation and re-modelling of retail petrol and diesel outlets

2418. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum and other Oil Companies have taken up renovation and re-modelling of retail petrol and diesel outlets in the country;

(b) if so, how many retail outlets have, so far, been renovated and re-modelled in Karnataka;

(c) how many retail outlets in Karnataka are under different stages of completion;

(d) the amount spent, so far, for the above purpose in Karnataka; and

(e) whether it was necessary to spend huge amount for renovation and re-modelling since petrol and diesel are essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) In order to provide better customer service, the four Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and IBP Company Ltd. have renovated/ re-modelled 141 retail outlets and have spent about Rs. 44 crores in the State of Karnataka. 60 more retail outlets are at different stages